## GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE MINUTES

September 27, 1995

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Paula Andrews Richard Leinaweaver Ursula Hemmerich Janet Terry Karen Kiefer Phil Rogers Peter Ivanov Ann Sanders COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Jeanne Killgore OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Leusch, Museum of Western Colorado, Allison Sarmo, Coordinator.

The regular meeting of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture was held at 4:00 p.m. on the above date. Vice-chair Paula Andrews called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Hemmerich, seconded by Kiefer, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on August 23, 1995 as written. The motion carried unanimously. Chair Leinaweaver arrived and presided hereafter.

MUSEUM OF WESTERN COLORADO: Christine Leusch, Development Director for the Museum of Western Colorado, appeared before the Commission to explain the Museum's request to amend their contract with the Commission pursuant to the Commission's granting them \$500 for the Native American Arts Festival. The amendment to the contract is to allow for the postponement of the festival from October, 1995 until May, 1996. Leusch explained the various reasons for the postponement and the progress which has been made to date in organizing the festival. She noted that other local arts organizations have been invited to participate, and that all arts and crafts will be juried to insure a quality event. The festival has been renamed the Grand River Indian Arts Gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sarmo noted several upcoming meetings, including the Arts/Recreation Trend Bender Task Force meeting October 2 in the C. D. Smith Building at 4:30 p.m., an appearance by the Commission at the City Council Workshop October 2 at 7:00 p.m., a workshop in Montrose October 6-7 to kick-off the Rural/Underserved Community Arts Program leadership training, and a meeting to discuss budget cuts and necessary reallocation of funding by the Colorado Council on the Arts October 11 at the Art Center at 3:00 p.m. Hemmerich volunteered to help Sarmo present the Commission's slide show to the Lincoln Park Sunrise Lion's Club October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Two Rivers.

CULTURAL ARTS COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Sarmo distributed the Cultural Arts Coordinator's Report for September and the Monthly Financial Report of expenditures to date.

AVALON THEATER: Sarmo noted that the Avalon is kicking off a "Buy a Brick" fundraising campaign in October. Supporters can purchase bricks for \$50 each which will be engraved with their name and placed in front of the newly renovated building. She noted that on the advice on Paula Andrews the \$1000 in the 1996-1997 budget for a new local high school theater festival had been deleted and implementation of this idea postponed until the second phase of the Avalon renovation is completed.

CITY-COUNTY LAND USE PLAN: Rogers reported having attended the open house and

presentation of the joint land use plan at the Ramada Inn September 7.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Kiefer resigned as liaison to the Chamber because their monthly meetings are no longer convenient for her to attend.

MEDIA COMMITTEE: Sarmo and Rogers reported on the "Making Friends with the Media" workshop they attended September 5. Leinaweaver noted that he is continuing to film art spots for KREX. He suggested the Commission work toward a regular arts column and/or arts features in the Daily Sentinel. Leinaweaver and Ivanov are both willing to help write an article or column. Ivanov will contact Dennis Herzog, managing Editor of the newspaper.

MURAL COMMITTEE: Sarmo reported on comments received from downtown building and business owners concerning possible murals on their buildings. Numerous comments were negative, although Adams Vacuum and Valley Office Supply, both on Fifth Street, are in favor of having murals. Leinaweaver reported that the Mural Committee's recommendation is for the Commission to serve primarily as a resource to anyone wishing to have a mural painted, and to do one mural, centrally Sarmo noted that the Orchard Mesa located, as a demonstration project. Improvement Committee plans to paint several buildings at the "Top of the Hill" on Fifth Street, and would like to do a mural at that location. Sanders moved and Andrews seconded that the \$2000 in the 1996 budget for having a mural painted be deleted, but that the Commission continue to study the idea informally. The motion carried unanimously. Sarmo noted that when the project is more defined the Commission could approach the City Council for funding at that time. Sanders moved to allocate \$2000 in the 1996 budget specifically for the "Art After School Program", but the motion died for lack of a second.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Andrews resigned as liaison to the Parks Board because of scheduling conflicts. Chairman Leinaweaver appointed volunteer Peter Ivanov as liaison to the Parks Board. He also appointed volunteer Hemmerich as liaison to the Chamber, and appointed Holly Koelling, who works at the Mesa County Public Library, to the Mural Committee.

MESA STATE COLLEGE/SCHOOL DISTRICT 51: Sanders and Ivanov reported on a meeting of college and school district representatives, saying that it had been very positive and that numerous issues were discussed. Janet Terry then had to leave the Commission meeting.

COLORADO ARTS CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE: Kiefer, Rogers, and Sarmo reported on what they learned at the recent Consortium conference in Steamboat Springs. Sarmo noted that the Consortium turned down the Commission's proposal to host the 1996 conference, but only because they felt obligated to select an eastern slope location. Kiefer noted that several people said Grand Junction submitted the best proposal and that we should reapply for the1997 conference.

Rogers moved, and Kiefer seconded, that the Commission amend the contract with the Museum of Western to allow postponement of the Grand River Indian Arts Gathering from October, 1995 to May, 1996. The motion carried, with one opposed.

Chairman Leinaweaver appointed Rogers, Andrews, and Kiefer to a new Art Reach Committee to investigate getting cultural events tickets and scholarships for economically disadvantaged audiences.

Sanders moved, and Rogers seconded, that the 1996 Business in the Arts Awards categories be expanded this year from two to three. The motion carried unanimously. Rogers moved, and Andrews seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cowan Sarmo Cultural Arts Coordinator